

# 2021 Lenten Reflections



Sisters of the Presentation  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
*In Joyful Service*

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## The Beloved Son

*Then God said [to Abraham ]*

*“Take **your son** Isaac, your only one, **whom you love**, and go to the land of Moriah.*

*There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you.” Genesis 22:1b-2a*

*Again the LORD’s messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said:*

*“I swear by myself, declares the LORD,*

*that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me **your beloved son**,*

*I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless*

*as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; Genesis 22:16,17a*

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*From the cloud came a voice,*

*“This is my Beloved Son. Listen to him.” Mark 9:7*

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Today we have two of the most powerful readings in the Bible; one from the Hebrew Scriptures testing Abraham, and the other from the Christian Scriptures during the Transfiguration of Jesus. Both involve a Father willing to give his **beloved son**. Neither withholds his own beloved son from participating in the saving mission of God: journeying with humankind in healing love and compassionate relationship.

I don't know what to say.... This is so monumental! Abraham and Isaac prefigure *‘the Word that leapt from Heaven’* (Wisdom 18:15) *‘and dwelt among us’* (John 1:14). Moreover, Jesus dwelling among us gives us the clue of how to live our life during this Lenten season as we follow a beloved son's example.

***Beloved Son,  
Bless us on our Lenten Journey.  
Grace us that we may share your love and compassion  
With all we meet today,  
Particularly those most in need,  
And those sharing with you the suffering of the world.  
Amen.***

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[Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18](#) • [Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19](#) • [Romans 8:31b-34](#) • [Mark 9:2-10](#)